

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

Presentation by the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission

Regarding Honoring Teens program.

MEETING DATE:

August 15, 2001

PREPARED BY:

Community Center Coordinator

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Presentation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission, in conjunction with the Lodi Sunrise Rotary Club, Holiday Inn Express and Central Valley Waste Services is sponsoring a program entitled **Honoring Teens**. The Lodi Youth Commission Leadership Committee selects one teen to be awarded **Teen of the Month** from the applications submitted to the commission from the general public, various schools, and church groups. This month's **Teen of the Month** is **Melissa Harnack** from Jim Elliot Christian High School.

FUNDING:

None Required.

Yvette Maragliano

Community Center Coordinator

APPROVED:

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

Bio for City Council

August Teen of the Month

Melissa Harnack is a junior at Jim Elliot Christian High School. Melissa is one of the most outstanding and courageous students. A cancer patient, Melissa goes to Stanford once a month for chemo treatments. Despite her cancer, Melissa continues as a 4.0 GPA student plus she leads a community service group, is in the Interact Club, and meets with children at the Lodi House. Melissa organizes her group of friends in the Interact Club to visit children for 2-3 hours once a month. She will participate in the Special Olympics Track and Field Day as a volunteer and has participated in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.